

**115-25-20. Sandhill crane; management unit, hunting season, shooting hours, bag and possession limits, and permit validation.** (a) The open season for the taking of sandhill crane shall begin on the Wednesday after the first Saturday in November and shall continue for 58 days, including the opening day.

(b) The following area shall be open for the taking of sandhill crane during the established hunting season: that part of Kansas bounded by a line from the junction of interstate highway I-35 and the Oklahoma-Kansas state line, then north on interstate highway I-35 to its junction with interstate highway I-135, then north on interstate highway I-135 to its junction with interstate highway I-70, then north on federal highway US-81 to its junction with the Nebraska-Kansas state line, then west on Nebraska-Kansas state line to its junction with the Colorado-Kansas state line, then south on the Colorado-Kansas state line to its junction with the Oklahoma-Kansas state line, and then east on the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to its junction with interstate highway I-35, except federal and state sanctuaries.

(c) Beginning on the opening day and continuing through November 30, shooting hours shall be from one-half hour after sunrise until 2:00 p.m. Beginning on December 1 and continuing through the close of the season, shooting hours shall be from sunrise until 2:00 p.m.

(d) The daily bag limit shall be three sandhill cranes.

(e) The possession limit shall be six sandhill cranes.

(f) Each person hunting sandhill cranes in Kansas shall possess a federal sandhill crane hunting permit that has been issued through and validated by the department. Except as specified in subsection (g), any individual may secure a federal sandhill crane hunting permit upon application to the department and payment of the sandhill crane permit validation fee.

(g) On and after September 1, 2006, each person desiring to hunt sandhill cranes in Kansas shall be required to pass an annual, on-line sandhill crane identification examination before meeting the requirements specified in subsection (f). (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 32-1002, as amended by L. 2005, Ch. 182, Sec. 3.)